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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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COLLEGE RENEWS FIRST DAY COMPLETE DESPITE CRITICISM

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The Dean of the Faculty noted that the College will renew its contract with the First Aid Complete textbook rental program at the faculty meeting on April 4th. This news was met with discontentment in the faculty. Students let out a collective sigh of resignation upon hearing of the renewal. Many in the campus community have found the service not only lackluster but outright objectionable. Students are bombarded with near daily emails from First Aid Complete in the months preceding and following the beginning and end of the semester. This deluge of emails leads to students missing essential information regarding the rental service. Aside from the emails, the service has not performed



as advertised. Book orders are—funnily enough—incomplete and late. Dr. Jarrett Knight, Adjunct Professor of Religion, echoed the sentiment of many students and staff. “I think First Aid Complete is ill conceived, poorly executed, harmful for students, and obsolete. We’re all aware of the difficulties Barnes and Noble has had getting books shipped on time, and that despite requiring pro-

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fessors to have their lists of course books prepared extremely early. Last semester, I found out halfway through my course that a book we were

due to start *still* hadn’t arrived. It wasn’t some obscure title, either—it was the Oxford World’s Classics edition of Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*. I canceled the order and found a PDF for students to use instead.” Unfortunately, Dr. Knight’s experience was not a unique one. Many students and staff never received the requested texts. When asked about the delays, Amanda, one of the Barnes and Noble’s super-

visors at the Hampden-Sydney Bookstore, stated “I don’t have anything as far as concrete statistics go, but I can tell you that the last

two semesters have been steadily getting better, as far as how quickly we get orders processed and finished. It was a new program for all of us; there was a learning curve.”

Amanda explained the recent delays: “a part of that was just us not knowing where we were going to put the books. In the fall, all of our shelf space was taken up by spring books. We were already working on getting spring ready, so we didn’t have anywhere to put the fall rentals when they got back. After we got through that, we were able to work out a better system for bringing rentals back for spring. Having that figured out allowed us to feel more comfortable getting started for fall, be-

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STUDENT OPENS PHOTO EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTING LIFE OF ALASKA NATIVES

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This semester, the gallery room at the back of Brinkley Hall is displaying the *Yuuyaraq: Our Genuine Way of Being* photo exhibit. The photos on display were taken by Izac Olatunji and the exhibit showcases what life is like for the Yupik in the Alaskan village of Quinhagak. The display began on April 5th and will continue through the 18th.

On display in the gallery room are 14 items, all photographs. The photos showcase different aspects of daily life in the Alaskan village. Included with the display is an information panel written by Olatunji. In one part of the panel Olatunji talks about the reason for the photos, stating that “in creating this series, it was very important for me to cultivate a sense of place and to represent a culture that is still vibrantly alive.”

The culture of the village is unique in its native as well as Moravian church influence, as displayed in one photo which features two men sitting in front of family as well as religious items. Fishing, as evidenced by the photos, is also evidently a big part of the local industry and culture.

When looking at the photos, one is struck by the way of life lived by those in the village. Fishing still remains an important part of the local Yupik industry and the influence of the Moravians church is evident even in the midst of Alaska. The mix of western culture with that of the native culture is evident in the photographs of the village and its inhabitants.

The photos are different in their

display, with some displayed in color whereas others are displayed in black and white. One photo features an older man driving his fishing boat, while others showcase the processes involved in the cleaning and aging of fish. Other photos feature prominently the fish racks, which are a tool the Yupik “used to age fish and prepare them for storage” (Fish Rack). According to one of the photo descriptions, the “racks are often passed down in families through generations.” This fact again helps to showcase the importance that fishing has in the village. Other photos displayed are not clearly in focus, giving them a hazy look, and some even appear to be a blending of multiple photos. Others show scenes from daily life in the village, with men working and people playing.

This exhibit is one of the many art collections that have been displayed in the gallery over the years. According to the Hampden-Sydney College website, there is “one major exhibition each semester of the academic year.” This photo exhibit marks the first art collection hosted this year by the college. The gallery is located at the back of the Viar Christ Center for the Arts building and is open from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mondays to Fridays, according to the Hampden-Sydney College website. These exhibits provide students and faculty the opportunity to engage with and see the work of artists right here on campus.

STUDENT CAR STOLEN, RETURNED STRIPPED



Photo courtesy of Chief Mike Fowler

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A Hampden-Sydney brother, TJ Gates '24, recently found himself a victim of car theft. The stolen vehicle, a light gray 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser, was seen on camera leaving campus at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. The locked car was

sitting behind the TAC house when it was stolen. Since the investigation is ongoing, the police department is currently unable to release much information. The vehicle was found the following Wednesday, roughly a half-hour away in Crew, Virginia, but had apparently been stripped for parts. TJ emphasized how

helpful and passionate the campus community has been throughout the investigation. “An uncountable number of students have reached out, and many have offered their vehicles or helped find parts for sale online. Many of the college’s employees, including those at the T.I., dining hall, building and

grounds, faculty, as well as the Office of Student Affairs, coaches, and even the President, have reached out many times throughout the process. Having something stolen is horrible, but the campus community has made it easier. This is another reason that this place is so special.”

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LOVE MUST ACT: WILSON CENTER HOSTS AFRICAN MISSIONARY

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On April 5th a member of the Order of the Holy Cross came to speak to Hampden-Sydney students about his journey to help heal South Africa. Brother Timothy Jolly taught at Hampden-Sydney as a French professor between 1968-1971 before he found a different calling in life. Deciding that he wanted to better the world, he turned to the Christian faith and became a member of the Order of the Holy Cross based out of New York.

The Order of the Holy Cross seeks to better communities through education to strengthen the surrounding area. With two schools in the United States, the Order of the Holy Cross already had experience with creating and running quality non-profit schools, but their next undertaking would be far different. South Africa was ruled by an apartheid regime for almost four decades. The strain that apartheid put on South African society deeply shook the people of the country. Schools that refused to segregate its students were closed by the government, and private schools were raised to educate only the white children of South

Africa. Apartheid, having gone on for so long, created a vast education difference between white South Africans and black South Africans. This would all change when Nelson Mandela would finally break apartheid and start the process of healing the nation in 1994.

As the end of apartheid drew near, Desmond Tutu, the Archbishop of South Africa at the time, reached out to the Order of the Holy Cross. He implored the Order to found a new school in South Africa after the dust from apartheid settled. Even though racial equality would soon be brought about, education for black South Africans was still scarce, as most schools had yet to open, and they could not afford the expensive private schools. Never to refuse a call for help, the Order of the Holy Cross began preparations to send its monks across the Atlantic to help create a new school. Brother Timothy Jolly was among the first of the Order's monks to reach South Africa. The school was to be placed in Grahamstown, a particularly poor community of black South Africans. The people in Grahamstown were deprived of a proper education for as long as apartheid persisted, and it

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JIM PONTUSO ENDOWMENT HOSTS INAUGURAL EVENT, FEATURES SWISS AMBASSADOR



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On April 17th at 7:00 pm, students and faculty had gathered in Crawley Forum to hear former US Ambassador to Switzerland Ed McMullen '86 and current Swiss Ambassador to the US Jacques Pitteloud in conversation moderated by Dr. Jim Pontuso. This was the inaugural event of the James F. Pontuso Endowment. "It's a real honor to [introduce the event], because it turns out I'm James F. Pontuso," he quipped.

Dr. Pontuso provided a thorough and impressive introduction for the speakers; it became apparent that a very influential H-SC alumnus and "the James Bond of Switzerland" were speaking that night. Dr. Pontuso guided the conversation through the purpose of ambassadors, agreements and disagreements, the pros and cons of neutrality, evacuating political prisoners, bank crash-

es, globalization, and guns. The two statesmen had remarkable chemistry.

The two spoke of fundamental values shared by what McMullen called "Sister Republics." Pitteloud asserted that despite disagreements about common versus civil law, health-care, or criminal justice, the United States and Switzerland are united by fundamental values and long-standing commitments to democracy. On neutrality, Ambassador Pitteloud acknowledged its problems but both extolled Switzerland's unique position as an arbiter and intermediary thanks to its characteristic neutrality. This played a role in the evacuation of political prisoners, too; Ambassador Pitteloud advocated for "Discreet Democracy: Don't leak. Never leak."

On globalization, the two agreed that it was flawed but here whether we like it or not—and it needs to change. The US is constant-

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ERRATA

In Issue CIII.3, on March 16, 2023, the article "DEI Candidate Tours Campus, Hosts Talk" was falsely attributed to Matthew Miscikowski '26. It was written by Pierce Johnson '26.

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cause now I don't have to keep those shelves clear for the books that come back in spring."

She mentioned concrete changes being made in how First Aid Complete operates that will help address the issues. "We are also going to get extra help from Longwood to help fill those orders" Additionally, the position of store manager is currently assessing applicants. The front runner is a "textbook focused store manager...It's what he does. With each semester getting better, we are looking at a much better turnaround for this coming fall."

When asked about the excessive emails, Amanda said "all of that is run through home office, and they're not supposed to come out as often as we are seeing that they are. That's one the things on the list for the new store manager to address."

Despite the

possibility of improvement, many still see no purpose in the service at all. Dr. Knight said what many were thinking when he said "everyone has Amazon Prime now anyway, or at least we all know someone who does. With a two-day turnaround, lower prices, and wider selection, why bother with Barnes and Noble? It's simply out of date."

Barnes and Noble assures readers that these changes are "going to help us getting back to where every order placed prior to the first day of class will be ready." Only time will tell if they are correct or if the administration has decided to tie the College to yet another failed policy so as to not lose face.

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LIFE

SPOILER ALERTS NEVER SPOIL:
THE NOT-SO GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL



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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To those of you who know me, you probably know that I am quite terrible at watching movies. Chances are if you ever ask me “Have you seen this movie?”, the answer is no. So, in an effort to make myself watch some movies, I am writing this column. In every issue of The Tiger, I will be writing a non-spoiler review of an old movie that I had never seen. These movies could be a decade old; they could be five decades old. The moral of the story is that spoiler alerts never spoil.

After a several week hiatus, I thought we ought to move on to something well and properly controversial. Admitting that I had never seen *Saving Private Ryan* was a big step, but in some ways, watching my

first Wes Anderson is an even bigger step. People either love him or hate him, so I thought I’d give him his best possible shot with his best move: *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. Released in 2014, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* has a star-studded cast and stars one of my favorite actors: Ralph Fiennes. It received a very positive critical consensus and dominated in the Academy Awards, receiving 8 nominations and winning 4. It is very much characteristic of Wes Anderson’s bizarre style. It follows an esteemed hotel manager as he is falsely accused of the murder of an elderly dowager through a fictional fascistic country. Though Fiennes gives an incredible performance, I struggled to enjoy the movie. It is truly ridiculous, and though it has its

moments, Anderson’s simultaneously moody, cartoonish, and comedic style doesn’t capture me like it does so many others. That being said, I don’t find it so offensive that I cannot enjoy his movies. Simply put, I doubt that I will be a die-hard Anderson fan, but I can enjoy the plot of his movies if I try. I don’t quite have the words or the expertise to describe Anderson’s cinematography, so I will not try. I would only recommend that those unfamiliar with it give *The Grand Budapest Hotel* a shot. If you like it, it may be worth checking out his other films. If you don’t, give up now. If you’re like me, watch a few to appease your friends who are fanboys. I give Wes Anderson’s *The Grand Budapest Hotel* a 55%.

No BETTER OPTION:
A CASE FOR BIDEN, PART 2

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STAFF WRITER

As it seems more likely that America will come in for a ‘soft-landing,’ the mythical balance between inflation and jobs, the economic prospects of the Biden administration are looking up. Inflation now stands at 6.4%, down from its June, 2022 high of 9%. In January alone, 500,000 jobs were added to the U.S. economy, marking the lowest unemployment rate in over fifty years. As this takes place, Biden’s approval rating sits at a more stable 43%, about equal to that of Donald Trump’s in November, 2022. Opinions of Biden have turned from staunch opposition, to just mild opposition. Anecdotal-

jectivity, there is no other way to put it. Many names are floated, Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Governor Gavin Newsom, and even former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Some of these people have otherwise declined to run, likely due to the assumption that Biden will be running himself, but likewise, they’re the five who are chosen most often by pollsters as potential candidates. These five all have their own issues; I could write an essay in itself describing said issues, but I presumably have a limited word count. So in a speed round, I will complain for a paragraph about my

has put Mayor Pete in hot water. Gavin Newsom faces the same problems as Buttigieg, except he comes from California, an electorally toxic state, and he doesn’t have any defining characteristic; Mayor Pete at least likes men. Elizabeth Warren is the technocratic Ivy League rhetoric of Buttigieg combined with the same left-wing label as Bernie Sanders. And finally, Andrew Cuomo, who literally had to resign from his position as New York governor due to a sexual harassment scandal. Any other candidate beyond these five does not currently have the name recognition to get beyond 5% of the vote. In the modern day, what drives is media attention, and

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THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

CARTER SHOTWELL
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The end is in sight. I know the sun and the freedom beckons, but you’ve got to stay the course and power through your final exams! Follow these tips to get the most out of your study time.

Space it out. An hour of studying each day for three days is more effective than a three-hour cram session the day before the test. You know how drained you get as the hours drag on. If you distribute your study, you avoid hitting that wall where nothing is sticking anymore. The time to cram is the hour before your exam. Sit down to a nice breakfast or lunch, and read over your materials so the details are fresh when you take the test.

Put your notes away. When you study, it should feel the way it does when you take the test. “ARGH, there was one more bullet point! What did it say?!” The act of retrieving that information writes the knowledge more deeply in your brain. Many students study by reading over their notes a few times, but that can offer a false sense of security: “If it makes sense when I read it, then I understand it.” It is only by quizzing yourself and trying to produce the information without help that you find the gaps in your knowledge. Try to remember, try to think it through, and THEN go to your notes to check yourself.

Change the format. If you understand it deeply, you can put it another way. You can draw it. You can make a

mnemonic device. You can even turn it into a song! Sing your way to an A by creating a catchy tune to remember those tricky concepts. By presenting the information in a new way, you force yourself to think about it in a different context, which makes it easier to remember when it comes time for the test. So grab those markers, break out the rhyming dictionary, and get creative. You’ve got this!

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fellow Democrats. Kamala Harris, for one, is one of the most unpopular national Democrats. She’s seen as too aggressive by the general public, too “law and order” for the progressives, and universally seen as

regular politicians just don’t get the same media attention as a crazy person or a pre-existing national figure. Someone like Elizabeth Warren had to work her name up the political ladder to be recognized,

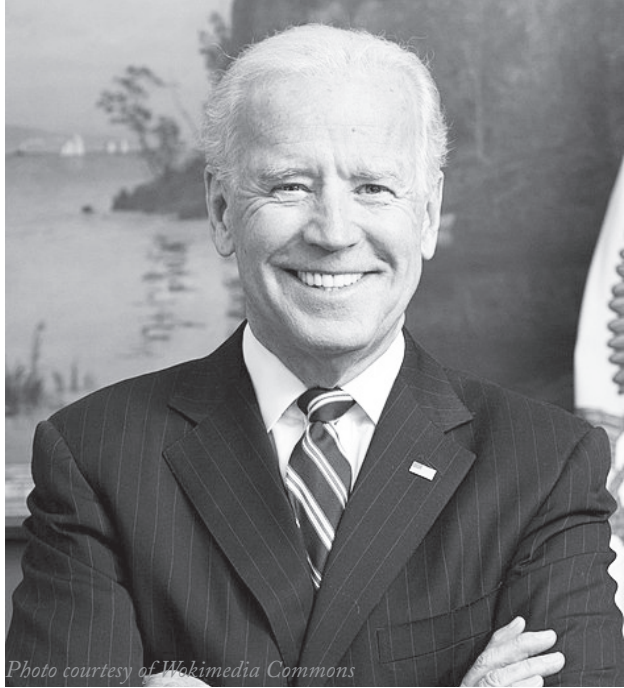


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self-interested and inauthentic, willing to stab someone in the back for political gain. Pete Buttigieg has many of the opposite problems; he’s too much of a technocrat. While midwestern, he lacks the ‘common man’ aesthetic and instead portrays himself as that Ivy League dork who won’t stop talking about how he was accepted into Yale. A personification of the word ‘caucasian’ which plays poorly with minority voters. This doesn’t even mention the Ohio train derailment, which

and even then, she lost. The possibility of a dark horse candidate with the modern convention system doesn’t exist like it did even in the 90s. Party politics are dying and have been replaced by base politics. Polarization, through many factors, leads to the individual voting blocks having unprecedented influence over the nominating process. In the case of the Democratic Party, the technocrats reign supreme. Joe Biden was the only

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THE PEANUT GALLERY

H-SC SLUDGE REPORT

From the Crap Shoot of the Waste Bin of the Associate Clerk of the International Small Claims Court of Sludge:

(Jeffrey Hunsaker '23)

Former Student Body President Indicted for Hush Money Scheme Involving Male Gogo Dancer.

Hampden-Sydney, in All-Male Tradition, Has Two Balls in One Weekend.

Theatre EL-OFF Class to be Offered for Poaching Rhinos this Summer.

With Team Having Escaped, Dr. Hight Deems Escape Room Too Easy, Reinstalls Death Boulder.

Jessie Shrader Responds to Emails; Jason Huskey Suspects Phishing.

Editor-In-Chief Notices Code of Ethics: "What the Hell is This!?"

Student Court Elections Soon! All Bribes Can be Directed to HurleyG24@hsc.edu

Conveniently Timed STI Screenings...

Sigma Nu Moves Out, Taking Everything, Especially the Kitchen Sink.

Dr. Pyan Remberton, Despite Wife's Protest, Applies for Wilson Center Job.

The Tiger Opinion Editor Encouraged to Stop Sharing Opinions.

DEI Dean Gestates for Seven Months: It's a Girl!!

H-SC *Tiger* Staff to Receive Tutoring in Time Management.

"We're Not a Fraternity," says Upsilon Pi Lambda Sigma.

Career Center Branches Out Into Novel Content Starring Big Mike.

Well-Dressed Italians Spotted Near Rhetoric Studio Speakeasy Night.

Satirist Praises Own Work: Puts in Two Weeks Notice.

GENERAL WILSON'S WISDOM: MAJOR BRAD ISRAEL VISITS CAMPUS

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On Tuesday, April 18, distinguished war veteran and Army Ranger Major Brad Israel '04 visited Hampden-Sydney College to meet with the Society of '91 over dinner. During this dinner, the Presidential Scholar discussed the impact that General Sam Wilson has had on his life and how he conducts himself in his endeavors, saying that the situations studied first in Wilson's class and now in the Wilson Leadership Fellows Program are similar to many of the situations that he has found himself in during his time in both the Army and the corporate world. Specifically, he cited two Wilson mantras that he always keeps in the forefront of his mind, which he hopes will

also guide Hampden-Sydney men for years to come. The Chief Leadership Officer for the holding company 68 Ventures first retold the story of General Sam coming home. Israel stated that when the then-officer came back to his hometown of Rice, Virginia for the first time since leaving to join the army, the entire town decided to hold a parade in his honor. It was when General Sam was "lacing up his shoes in his room" in preparation for this parade that his father came in and gave him one of the greatest lessons in humility that he ever had. "As long as you're green, you're growing," Israel related, "As soon as you're ripe, you begin to rot." This quote, commonly attributed to McDonald's entrepreneur Ray Kroc,

helped General Sam maintain a hunger for learning and self-improvement that served him well throughout his entire life. Israel took this lesson to heart, warning his audience that complacency and stagnation were the enemies of personal progress. Major Israel learned the second lesson as he was leaving Hampden-Sydney to join the Army. The Green Beret stated that he came to General Sam's office concerned about how he would be able to lead the men under him during his time as an officer. In response, General Sam gave him a one-sentence masterclass on virtue leadership. "Take care of the men under you," General Sam said, "and the men will take care of you." If one truly cares about one's employees and

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LIFE: GREEK WEEK RECAP: THE ANNUAL GAMES AND THE LAST SHED PARTY

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SPORTS EDITOR

The annual Greek Week games were something to behold this year. Nothing screams Greek Week louder than getting a plethora of drunk fellas together and competing in games you'd see in a summer camp brochure. This was no summer camp, however. These games were electric considering what was on the line. Glory and honor, reputation, and most importantly, beer money was at stake. There were 11 different games held and placing in each game was worth a specific amount of points. The final results for a few of these contests go as follows:

1) **Donut Eating**

Sig Nu's Jack Reno put the house on his back and took first place in this event after a stellar performance. After housing 12 donuts and 12 oz of milk in under five minutes, Mr. Reno walked away the victor. Talk about poetry in motion. It should also be noted that Mr. Reno came directly from football practice before he accomplished this feat of excellence. He absolutely munched indeed.

2) **Chariot Racing** PIKA placed first in this event with a record time of 2 minutes and 29 seconds. An 800-meter sprint might not sound too bad, but when you have to pull a chariot with a toga on it might get a little hairy. It should be noted that

Chi Phi did not win the race, but they received extra points for having the best costume. This tosses up the question: what is more important, running the actual race or looking better than your competition?

3) **Ropes Course and Rock Climbing** Sig Chi's Drew Fink won both of these events singlehandedly. He completed the ropes course in 23. 51 seconds and the rock wall in 33.54 seconds. Speed kills. Unfortunately, however, Sig Chi did not place within the top five at the end of this week cumulatively. Gree

After these games, in order of importance, the top five houses go as follows: DKE, Sig Nu,

PKA, Chi Phi, and Phi Gam. Although only placing first in 2 events, DKE won the Greek Week Games for 2023. Winning this week-long contest not only awarded the DKE house with the previously mentioned monetary prize but also a giant trophy. DKE's president, William Gurry Kruger Jr., plans to commemorate this trophy with a plaque as well for the chapter room. Shout out to all the lads in that house.

On Wednesday, March 29th, we as a student body experienced something quite deplorable. The last Shed Party was unfortunately shut down early. For those who are unfamiliar with this tradition, every year during Greek Week there is one

off-campus event known as the "Shed Party" held at Old Mansion. It should be emphasized that Shed Party is more than just some event held at a field in March. Shed Party is an opportunity for us as a student body to bond over great music, but more importantly to start Greek Week off on the right note. We will never get "the good old college days" back, therefore we as college students should be able to enjoy our time set aside for making good memories. Considering that the owners of Old Mansion are selling their property too, it was crucial to ending this tradition on a good note.

A few hours into the night, the Hampden-Sydney Police Depart-

ment accompanied by Farmville Police showed up, and there was an ominous cloud among all in attendance. Long story short, what should have been a great night full of fun ended short due to "permit and decibel issues" on our part. No one was physically hurt throughout this night, but despair was felt in the hearts of many. Not only was the night cut short, but 15,000 dollars was lost due to this venue being cut short. Although cut short, shoutout to SAE for hosting this event. Hopefully, Shed Party might be a tradition carried on at a different location. Only time will tell.

SPORTS

A FORECAST OF THE NBA
PLAYOFFS

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After a wonder of a season, the NBA is soon to begin its postseason play. While some teams are preparing to host games at their home stadium, and others are looking to secure their spot among the teams that are already locked in. It seems that this year's play-offs are wide open and anyone seems to be able to make a run at the title.

In the Eastern Conference, the Milwaukee Bucks have secured the number 1 seed and will look to play the lowest remaining seed out of the 4 teams in the play-in tournament. The Raptors, Bulls, Heat, and Hawks are all looking to crack into the play-offs with wins in the play-in. This format gives a bit of a March Madness feel to the NBA play-offs, which could lead to more upsets and bigger surprises for the fans. As the strong 2 seed in the Eastern Conference, the Boston Celtics sit also wondering who they will play as the remaining teams in the play-in tournament battle it out. The Celtics made a Finals run last year but ultimately lost and this year they will surely look to avenge that loss and come out on top. After those two top spots, the East looks interesting, to say the least. In the 3rd spot, the 76ers are looking to make a run at the title led by Joel Embiid, who has had an MVP Caliber season, and James Harden who has

grown into his role after a rocky start in Philly. The 76ers will face off against the Nets who sit in the 6th slot after several role players have stepped up to secure their spot in the postseason. The most entertaining matchup in the East lies in the 4th and 5th seed matchup between the Cavaliers and the Knicks. Both of these teams have improved tremendously this season and will look to prove themselves in an epic clash that will serve as a mix of explosive offenses and lockdown defense.

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Moving over to the Western Conference the Denver Nuggets stand tall above the rest as they have the number 1 spot while also waiting to see what happens in the play-in. The Pelicans, Thunder, Lakers, and Timberwolves will play in the play-in to try and grab their final spots for the postseason. In the 2nd seed is the Memphis Grizzlies who are led by Ja Morant who has been nothing short of spectacular this season despite his off-the-court issues. This team is young and hungry for a chance at an NBA championship. An even bigger surprise sits at the 3rd spot in the West with the Kings. Nobody viewed this team to be in this position this season, but with the help of De'Aaron Fox and Domantas

Sabonis, they have proved to be a consistent and dangerous team for anyone. The Kings will have their hands full with the reigning champions as they face the Warriors. Everyone knows just how dominant this team can be and they have started clicking toward the end of the season, which makes them even more of a threat. In the 4th and 5th seeds, the Suns and Clippers will face off in another entertaining series. The Suns have already proven that they are legit, but the addition of

Kevin Durant has put them on a new level. The Clippers led by Kawhi Leonard and Paul George will match up nicely against the Suns and will look to dismantle the newly formed super team. Each of these first-round matchups will be a great way to start the NBA Playoffs off. The play-in format is going to allow teams to show what they can do despite being a lower seed. This will lead to the higher seeds feeling like they need to defend their spots. Ultimately, the Finals are wide open this year with a lot of teams showing their abilities to be on top. NBA fans should rejoice at the amount of talent within the NBA and what these teams will bring to the table.

INSIDE THE GOLF TEAM:
LOOKING AHEAD TO THE
CHAMPIONSHIP



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On the weekend before Easter, the Tigers played a competitive golf tournament down in Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina. During this event, the Tigers had one of their best finishes all year. Out of 20 teams present, the Tigers finished 7th. Although this might not be up to

par with the level of pedigree we are accustomed to from our golf team, they conquered many notable ODAC teams in the process nevertheless. Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Shenandoah, and Virginia Wesleyan all lost to our Tigers during this tournament. Behind the scenes for this tournament, our guys even got to play golf

with some of the veterans on the base of Camp Lejeune. Three beautiful days of golf and quality time with some veterans, what could be better? Our boys are going into the ODAC conference championship next week with some momentum. Looking to win the conference championship is the number one priority. Roll Tigers baby.

MISSIONARY, CONT'D

was determined that this area would see major impacts from the founding of a school. After arriving, the monks of the Order of the Holy Cross got to work. The monks were received suspiciously by the community at first for being white but would quickly build a close friendship with the surrounding community. Over the next few years, the Order of the Holy Cross would steadily build the Holy Cross school in Grahamstown until it was finally opened in 2011. The school was free for all who would attend as to not bar anyone from an education. The school also served as a base to promote and foster healthy family

bonds and a variety of other activities that would help improve the surrounding community. To help keep the school funded and growing, a multitude of donors stepped forward to fund the school. Since then, the school has had a significant positive impact on the surrounding community, and it continues to thrive. Brother Jolly's story is one of inspiring leadership, equality, and altruism of the highest caliber. Brother Jolly finished his talk by stating "I don't know why it happened this way, but I know it's true."

AMBASSADORS, CONT'D ly changing, says McMullen, and the global stage is set for new administrations in the next decade in other powers. We've achieved a global society, but supply chains can be threatened. Both he and Ambassador Pitteloud noted that globalization had lifted billions out of poverty. Pitteloud, as the ambassador of a country where 52% of the GDP consists of exports, warned of missteps made in globalization: we did not consider long term security of supply chains or ecological disaster. "We've been blinded by the narrative of 'just in time,'" says Pitteloud. Pirates and war are constant in-

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TIGER TALES

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Jacob Sterns, Junior always took the D train home from work at the end of the day. He would heave his flabby middle-aged body out of his chair, step forth from the shadowy cubicle in which he had been concealed for the last eight hours, and wave an absentminded goodbye to his colleagues as he headed purposely toward the door. His walk to the subway station took him along one of the city's main thoroughfares, past shop windows displaying brightly colored wares and schoolchildren playing baseball in the vacant lot. Jacob always allowed himself enough time to

take in the sights, smells, and sounds without being in a rush. He would reach the platform with a few minutes to spare, and he would take his seat on the train with all the other rush hour commuters. Today, however, Jacob's comfortable routine had been disrupted. His last meeting of the day had run long, leaving him only a few minutes before closing time to wrap up his tasks and pack his bag. By the time Jacob had left for the train station, he had been forced to almost run to make up for lost time. Jacob reached the platform at 5:30 P.M., the exact minute his train usually left. His hopes of still making it into one of the subway cars



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were dashed when he broke through the turnstile and saw the train already pulling away from the platform. Oh, well, Jacob reassured himself. It wasn't a big deal in the grand scheme of things. He could catch the next one. Jacob shivered, lifted his elbow to his mouth, and coughed twice into it. These drafty old tunnels always wreaked havoc on his lungs. Jacob glanced up at the screen on the wall that displayed the subway schedule. The next

train wouldn't arrive for nearly half an hour. He had plenty of time to step back out into the city above for a breath of fresh air. Fading sunlight bathed Jacob's face as he mounted the final step leading onto the sidewalk. Yes, the warm evening air was exactly what he needed. He breathed it in deeply and— Movement between two nearby buildings caught his eye. Curious, Jacob took a few steps closer and peered into the shadows, where he could just make out the shape

of a human figure. That figure, rather underwhelmingly, turned out to be a young man, one just barely old enough to be out of high school. He was intently rummaging through a large pile of garbage. "No, no," the boy muttered. "Where is it?" Jacob watched in silence for another few moments, and at last the young man bent over and fished something out of the heap. Jacob wasn't exactly familiar with the city's laws regarding dumpster diving, but something about the whole situation seemed off either way. "Hey, you!" Jacob called. "What are you doing?"

The boy spun around. "Get lost, grandpa," he said snidely. Jacob chose to ignore the insult. "What have you got there?" he asked, hoping it sounded offhanded enough. He never knew how to talk to the youth anymore. "Don't worry about it," the boy replied, making a decent effort to hide the object behind his back. "It's not your concern." "I was only trying—" Jacob began. "It's none of your business," the boy insisted. "I need this. Now get out of my way, or—" His voice broke off as the world around them lit up with a blinding flash of white light.

BIDEN, CONT'D

person who could buck the technocrat label, astroturfing populism, while still avoiding policy viewed as radical by the general public. Biden is perhaps the only one with the ability to balance the populist with the centrist, which is the key to electoral success in the modern day. If he chooses not to run, other candidates in his vein of politics, whether it be Josh Shapiro or Amy Klobuchar, don't have the recognition to win the nomination, leaving only the suckers as viable candidates. The Democratic Party is once again coming to a decision; who it wants to nominate for President of the United States. Right now, it seems overwhelmingly likely

that Joe Biden will once again run for President. If that is the case, it is also likely that he will face no serious opposition in the primary. All of the candidates floated in opposition are ideologically aligned with Biden in some capacity, while progressives struggle to find an alternative not in his 80s. I have come to embrace the prospect of Biden running again. As of right now, the country is not in flames. While there have been poor mistakes made along the way, from my stupid liberal perspective, Biden would actually be an electorally viable option. As the Republican primary begins itself, with South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley announcing her

bid just last week, we are going to be faced with many choices as Americans. Unlike some of my fellow armchair analysts, I am confident that Trump will receive the nomination, even if there is a brutal primary season. If that's the case, it's the best option for the Democrats to run the person with the most electoral strength: their incumbent President. If they don't, and make another donkey crewman the captain of the ship while sailing upstream, they risk capsizing their whole ship against the Republican tide.

BRAD ISRAEL, CONT'D
proves this in deed as well as word, then one's employees will return the favor "10x," according to Major Israel. The Society of '91 was proud to have such an accomplished alumnus come to campus and speak with them. A special thanks goes

to Dr. John Eastby and especially to Mrs. Jennifer Meitz for making this night possible. These meetings with outstanding alumni are one of the best parts of Hampden-Sydney, a tradition that sells many prospectives on coming to the College.

It is great to see the Wilson Center continue this tradition in such spectacular form, with speakers ranging from the man who discovered the *Titanic* to a homegrown hero like Major Israel.

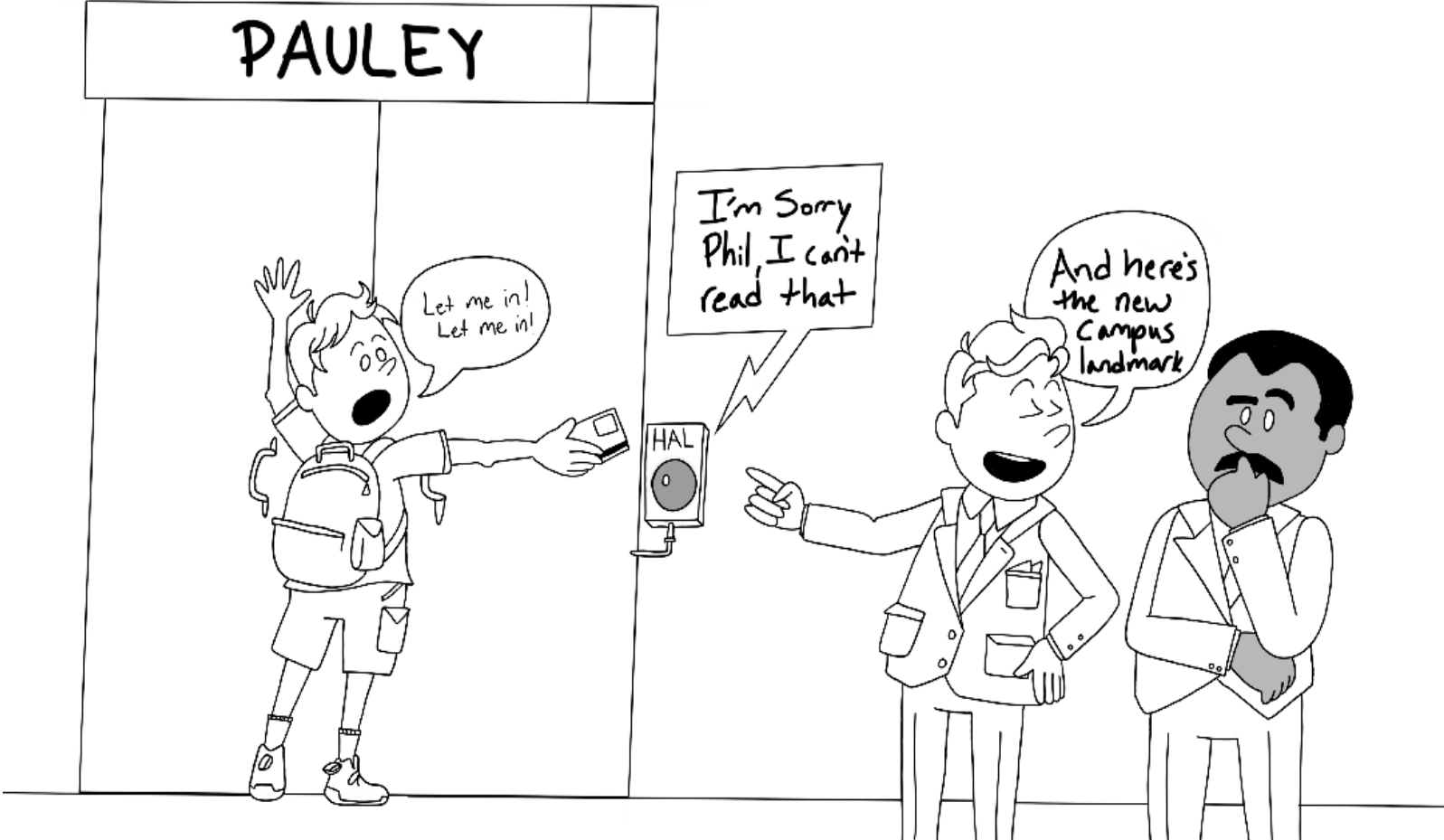
AMBASSADORS, CONT'D
terruptions to supply chains. "Operation Baby Formula" was his chosen example for a better system; when the US had a massive baby food shortage, Ambassador Pitteloud was in the airport when the first shipment of Swiss baby food came in. He calls it Friendsurance. The two agreed that China was on a different path, too; Pitteloud advocated for looking at the papers of other countries, and China's showed a clear path away from interaction with other nations. We are entering a differ-

ent sort of globalization, they posited, one they described as Cold War-ish, and of which we are in denial. Guns were the final topic introduced by Dr. Pontuso. The Swiss system differs from the American system heavily but is not entirely opposite it. Militia training is common and gun permits are very rare in Switzerland, and gun culture there is defined by responsibility. Mental illness checks abound alongside cultural differences. The US is, at times, irresponsible with gun

ownership, said Pitteloud, but derived from similar places. "I believe the Second Amendment, in its origin, is very Swiss," he added. Those in attendance left with a few messages for Americans going abroad: Don't be a jerk, insists McMullen. "When you are abroad, you are an ambassador for your country, and a guest in their country." Pitteloud was quick to add, though, the Europe by and large holds a begrudging respect for the USA, though they don't like to show it.

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